

Song-Brown Registered Nurse Program

Scoring and Evaluation Process

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Application Evaluation Criteria

- During the application evaluation process, Song-Brown evaluates three criteria:
 - Criteria I.1 Percent and number of graduates in medically underserved areas.
 - Criteria I.2 Percent and number of underrepresented in medicine (URM) graduates.
 - Criteria I.3 Percent and number of clinical training sites in medically underserved areas.

Scoring Process

1. Calculate RNSA severity (for Criteria I.1 and I.3 only).
2. Calculate Percentage
 - URM graduates
 - Graduates in RNSAs
 - Training Sites in RNSAs
3. Calculate Number
 - URM graduates
 - Graduates in RNSAs
 - Training Sites in RNSAs
4. Determine Total Points

RNSA Severity Overview

- There are three RNSA categories based on the degree of the nursing shortage: **High**, **Medium**, or **Low**.
- The shortage severity affects how the number of Graduates and Training Sites in RNSAs are counted.

RNSA Severity Calculation

- For each graduate/training site:
 - RNSA – High: Count as 1.5 graduates/training sites
 - RNSA – Med: Count as 1.0 graduates/training sites
 - RNSA – Low: Count as 0.5 graduates/training sites

RNSA Severity: Example

- Number of Graduates in RNSAs:

RNSA Category	Number of Graduates	Each	Subtotal
RNSA – High	20	x 1.5	= 30
RNSA – Med	30	x 1.0	= 30
RNSA – Low	50	x 0.5	= 25

otal Graduates in RNSAs = 85

- Percent of Graduates in RNSAs:

$$\frac{\text{Total Graduates in RNSAs}}{\text{Total Number of Graduates}} = \frac{85}{100} = 85\%$$

Scoring Methodology: Percentage

- Predetermined point system.
 - The range of percentages the program falls within determines points for Percentage.

Criteria I.1, I.2, and I.3

Percentage	Points
<1%	0
1-16 %	2
17-33%	4
34-50.99%	6
51-67.99%	8
68-84.99%	10
85-100%	12

Scoring Methodology Percentage: Example

Blue Bell RN Program

- 85 percent of the Blue Bell RN Program graduates are in RNSAs.
- The percentage methodology shows that the program will receive 12 points.

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Scoring Methodology: Number

- Placement in a normal distribution.
 - The program's placement in a normal distribution determines the points.

Criteria I.1, I.2, and I.3

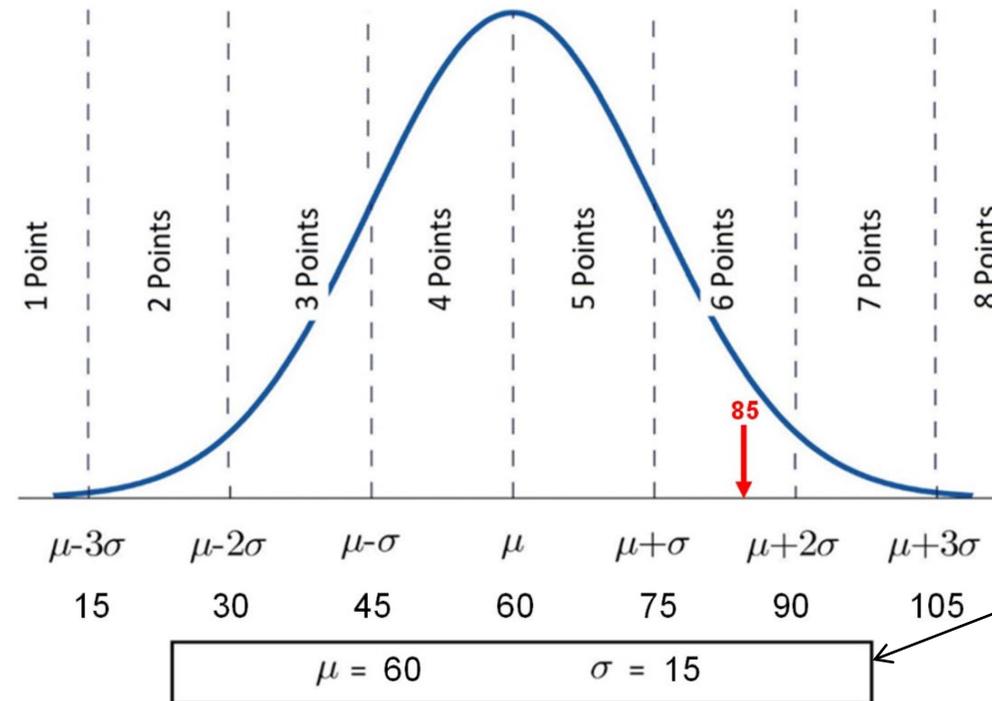
Number	Points
$\leq \mu - 3\sigma$	1
$> \mu - 3\sigma$ and $\leq \mu - 2\sigma$	2
$> \mu - 2\sigma$ and $\leq \mu - \sigma$	3
$> \mu - \sigma$ and $\leq \mu$	4
$> \mu$ and $\leq \mu + \sigma$	5
$> \mu + \sigma$ and $\leq \mu + 2\sigma$	6
$> \mu + 2\sigma$ and $\leq \mu + 3\sigma$	7
$> \mu + 3\sigma$	8

Mean (μ): Average, a calculated central value of a set of numbers.

Standard Deviation (σ): The amount of variation between a set of numbers.

Scoring Methodology Number: Example

- Blue Bell RN Program
 - Blue Bell RN Program has 85 graduates in RNSAs.
 - According to the curve, the program will receive five points.



The bell curve is an example. Numbers change each cycle depending on applicants

Scoring Methodology: Total Score

- Scoring Methodology Total Score: Combined Scores of Percentage and Number.
 - After Percentage and Number are determined, the score is combined for the total score.
 - For example, Blue Bell RN Program received 12 points for Percentage and 6 points for Number. The program will receive a total score of 18 points for Criteria I.1.

Percent and number of underrepresented minority graduates



Thank you!

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